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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shiraishi et al (US Patent No. 5,963,354).

Shiraishi et al discloses a laser scanning unit comprising: at least one light source emitting at least one light beam (Fig. 1, 3Y, 3M, 3C and 3B); a polygon mirror that deflects the at least one light beam emitted by the at least one light source (5); an image focusing system that focuses an image corresponding to each light beam deflected from the polygon mirror onto the surface of a plurality of photoconductive drums (column 6, lines 9-11); and an incident optical system disposed between the at least one light source and the polygon minor (9Y, 9M, 9C, 9B, 11Y, 11M, 11C and 11B), the incident optical system comprising an infinite optical system along a main scanning direction and a finite optical system along a sub-scanning direction (column 6, lines 50-65). The incident optical system

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further comprises a first cylinder lens that converges the light beams along the sub-scanning direction (by 9Y, 9M, 9C, 9B) and directly transmits the light beams along the main scanning direction in terms of proceeding paths of said light beams; and a second cylinder lens that converges the light beams that passes through the first cylinder along into the main scanning direction and directly transmits said beams along the sub-scanning direction (by 11Y, 11M, 11C and 11B). The first and second cylinder lenses are made of a glass material or plastic (column 7, lines 6-10). The scanning unit further comprises a plurality of reflecting mirrors that change proceeding paths of light beams to project the at least one light beam onto the polygon mirror with the same incidence angles (13, see Fig. 4) and a separator (see Fig. 2).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Suzuki et al (US Patent No. 6,788,444 B2) discloses an incident optical system disposed between the light source and the polygon mirror, also comprising an infinite optical system along a main scanning direction and a finite optical system along a sub-scanning direction (column 5, lines 49-54).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUNCHA P. CHERRY whose telephone number is 571-272-2310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DREW DUNN can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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